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In response to Applicant's argument that the valve chamber 48 of Nitzberg does not adjoin the chamber 54 (pg. 8, lines 14-20): the chambers 48 and 54 are adjoined via passageway 76.

In response to Applicant's argument that Nitzberg fails to disclose a valve element and fluid conduit adjoining the chamber 48 on the upstream side of the chamber 48 pg. 9, lines 3-9): the fluid conduit as shown in the marked-up drawing of the final action is upstream of the chamber 48, since the fluid travels from the downstream portion 46 out through passageway 56. The upstream side of the chamber 48 includes valve seat 126.

In response to Applicant's argument that Nitzberg fails to disclose the first and second portion being approximately right angles to each other (pg. 9, lines 9-22): Nitzberg teaches the first and conduit portions being approximately right angles to each other in the planned top view. Furthermore, the Nitzberg teaches the second conduit portion and a portion of the first conduit, which includes threads, are approximately a right angle with respect to one another.

In response to Applicant's argument that Nitzberg fails to disclose an insignificant distance (pg. 10, lines 1-6): Nitzberg discloses the first conduit portion extending no more than a small distance past the second conduit portion, as broadly recited.

Regarding the limitation of "fuel pump," prior art shows a combination of a biased open safety device and a fuel pump (see Hunt 2,906,280; Johnsen 2,048,388).

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